

REMARKS

Claims 36, 37 and 54-72 are pending in this application, with claim 36 being an independent claim. Claim 36 has been amended in accordance with suggestions provided to Applicant's representative by the Examiner in an interview (described further below).

No new matter has been added.

Interview with Examiner Smith

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Applicant respectfully thanks Examiner Smith for conducting an interview with Applicant's representative. During the interview, the rejections of the claims were discussed. Applicant's representative indicated that the references cited by the Examiner do not alone or in combination provide a method for determining whether monosaccharides or disaccharides of a query sequence match monosaccharides or disaccharides of a polysaccharide as provided in Applicant's rejected claims. Examiner Smith suggested that if the claims were more clearly drawn to the analysis of polysaccharides they would be free of the cited art. The Examiner also suggested certain claim amendments that, according to the Examiner, would help achieve this clarity. Applicant has herein adopted the suggested claim amendments without conceding the correctness of the Examiner's position.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner has rejected claims 36, 37 and 54-72 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner has argued that the phrase "based on" is vague and indefinite.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of the claims on this basis. However, in the interest of expediting the prosecution of this case, Applicant has amended claim 36 replacing "based on" with "with" in line 12 of the claim as suggested by the Examiner in the interview with Applicant's representative. In addition, Applicant has also amended lines 18 and 19 of claim 36, so that this part of the claim reads as it was originally presented except for the replacement of "based on" with "with".